

### REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2005 in the above-identified application. Based on the foregoing amendments and the following comments, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-23 were previously pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1 and 6 are amended, and withdrawn claims 15-23 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-14 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 6 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

Claims 5, 10 and 11 were previously withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected species. Since generic claims 1 and 6 are indicated to be allowable, withdrawal of the requirement for election of species with respect to claims 5, 10 and 11 is respectfully requested.

#### Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 6-9 and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner asserts that it is unclear what elements have lower surfaces coated with insulating layers. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to clarify that lower surfaces of the isolating walls are coated with insulating layers. The amendment finds clear support in Fig. 1B and page 5, lines 24-30 of the subject application. Accordingly, claims 1-14 are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-9 and 12-14 are indicated to be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. As discussed above, claims 1 and 6 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Withdrawn claims 5, 10 and 11 depend from allowable claims and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, claims 1-14 are in condition for allowance.

The Office Action includes an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Applicant expressly disavows the statement of reasons for allowance to the extent that the statement may be utilized as a basis for a narrow interpretation of Applicant's claims.

**CONCLUSION**

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,  
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